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SUBJECT: US-GDRBILATERAL MATTERS

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1. GDR DCM CALLED ON EUR/CE DIRECTOR ANDERSON MARCH 4  
TO PRESENT NOTE STATING THAT GDR HAD RATIFIED BILATERAL  
FISHERIES AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT HAS NOW GONE INTO EFFECT  
UPON RECEIPT OF GDR NOTE.

2. AFTER PRESENTING NOTE, ELM THEN RAISED THE QUESTION  
OF TONNAGE TAXES ON GDR VESSELS CALLING AT US PORTS. ELM  
NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GDR EMBASSY REGARDING RECIPROCAL  
EXEMPTION FROM TONNAGE TAXES. NEVERTHELESS, THE TWO GDR  
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SHIPS WHICH RECENTLY CALLED AT NEW ORLEANS HAD BEEN  
REQUI ED TO PAY THE TAXES. ELM ASKED EUR/CE'S ASSISTANCE  
IN THIS MATTER AND ANDERSON PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT.  
FYI: EB OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS IS HANDLING THIS  
MATTER AND IS WORKING WITH BOTH US CUSTOMS AND THE GDR  
EMBASSY TO CLEAR UP THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IN  
PROVIDING ASSURANCES THAT US VESSELS WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT

TO SPECIAL TONNAGE TAXES, THE GDR RESPONSE DID NOT MENTION NON-DISCRIMINATORY TAXES ON CARGOES OF US VESSELS. UNLESS CARGOES ARE ALSO EXEMPTED BY THE GDR, US REGULATIONS PRECLUDE THE WAIVING OF US TONNAGE TAXES. THEREFORE, EB IS REQUESTING THE GDR EMBASSY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM BERLIN TO INCLUDE CARGOES IN THE GDR STATEMENT ON RECIPROCITY. END FYI.

3. ELM ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS, AND SAID THAT THE GDR STILL CONSIDERS THAT ITS NOVEMBER 1976 PROPOSAL FOR THE GRANTING OF SUCH VISAS ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY STILL STANDS, DESPITE THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE (STATE 310607). ANDE SON REPLIED THAT EACH SIDE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE OTHER'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION, BUT THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT THIS PROBLEM ONCE AGAIN.

4. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, ANDERSON EXPRESSED THE DEPARTMENT'S SURPRISE AND BEMUSEMENT OVER THE CANCELLATION OF A PORT CALL AT SAN JUAN BY THE GDR PASSENGER SHIP VOELKERFREUNDSCHAFT. ANDERSON SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD LEARNED THAT SWEDISH PASSENGERS ON THE SHIP HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE USG HAD DENIED PORT ENTRY TO THE SHIP. THIS WAS NOT CORRECT, ANDERSON POINTED OUT, AND THE DEPARTMENT HOPED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A RECRANCE OF THIS KIND OF PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE.

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